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HIS NARROW ESCAPE.

A METHODIST MINISTER'S EXPERI-ENCE WITH INDIANS.

He Was the Sole Passenger In a Stage That Was Attacked-The Driver Was Killed, and the Preacher Attempted to Take His Place—A Lucky Tumble.

The Cheyennes and Kiowas were on the warpath in 1867. Stage stations were attacked and burned, telegraph wires were torn down and thrown into wells, and all regular communication on the overland trail was abandoned. It was the duty of Captain Powell to establish the stations, leaving a guard of two or three men at each, and to push on toward Fort Lupton. The country was swarming with Indians, and small parties of white men moved only under great peril. At one point along the river the command met a stage, which pre-sented an amusing sight. On the top sat five men, armed with long guns and revolvers, while from the inside peered a woman and three children. The captain persuaded the party to place itself under his protection, as a coach had been attacked the day before and the driver killed. At the Wisconsin ranch the ceach and the dead body of the driver were brought in. The lining had been cut out and the woodwork was riddled with bullets. The savages had torn open the mail sack and distributed the letters over the plains, after tearing them open as if in search of money.

The next day at a spot called Living Springs, 40 miles north of Deuver, a long, lank individual walked into camp. The stranger called for the officer in command and was conducted to Captain Powell.

"The man introduced himself as a Methodist minister from Denver," said Colonel Powell. "I asked him how he colonel Powell. 'I asked him how he happened to be so far from home. He replied by saying that he wanted to borrow a gun. 'If a coach comes through,' said he, 'I want to go along and kill some of these red devils that were after me yesterday.' I asked the man to sit down and tell his story. He did so, saying that he was in the coach whose driver was killed the day before. I looked at him in astonishment, but he told his story in such a straightforward way that I believed it. He explained that the day before was quite warm, and after dinner he had pulled off his coat and boots, and being the only passenger in the coach had stretched himself across the seats inside and gone to

sleep. His story went as follows:
"I had not been napping very long
when I was awakened by the most infernal yelling I ever heard in my life. I looked out the window and found that 30 or 40 Indians had attacked the coach and were pouring volley after volley into it. The driver had turned the horses, and we were making remarkable speed toward Godfrey's ranch. A shot struck the driver, and he fell off the

box dead.
"Then I thought my only chance of safety lay in reaching the boot and getting hold of the lines. I climbed out of the door, crawled into the seat left vacant and discovered to my dismay that the lines had fallen between the horses and were dragging on the ground."

Continuing his narrative, Colonel Powell related the story as it came from the lips of the minister. The Indians continued their frightful shouts, and the terrified horses plunged forward at a pace that threatened to wreck the coach. The minister climbed down to the tongue of the ceach and made a wild grab for the lines. At the same moment the coach lunged across a gully in the sand which had been formed by a storm out. The coach passed over him, and a moment later the pursuing Indians dashed by on horseback after the coach

The minister lay perfectly still for several minutes. Then he peered over the plain to see that the coach had been stopped a short distance away and was being robbed. The minister saw only one means of escape. The Indians would certainly return for his scalp, and his only safety was in a bold dash for the Platte river, several hundred yards away. The river was wide and swift, and he might succeed in crossing to the opposite bank. The project was carried into execution. In his stocking feet the white man made a dash through 800 yards of cactus. Two red devils attempted to head him off, but the thoroughly aroused minister of the goscenter of the river.

Looking back to the shore, what was the astonishment of the man to see two strangers, apparently white men, stand-ing and beckening him to return. The Indians had retired, and the two newcomers were officers of Fort Lupton, who were returning to the fort after a hunting trip along the river. The minister swam to shore and was escorted

to a place of safety.

Colonel Powell remained at Fort Lupton for several months until the Indians quieted down and danger had dans quieted down and danger had passed away. Then he hauled down the flag and abandoned the post, marching to Denver in order to cross the Platte river, on his way to Fort Laramie. At that time the only bridge on the Platte river between the Missouri river and the mountains was at Sixteenth street in Denver.—Denver News. in Denver. - Denver News.

A WAITER WHO LOST MONEY.

He Intruded Upon a Conversation and Didn't Get a Tip.

From their conversation they were evidently uncle and niece, and the latter was from the country. Her gown was trimmed with many ribbons, and it bore the unmistakable stamp of the rural dressmaker.

Notwithstanding that fact, she was good to look upon, and her interest in everything around her was vigorous and broad. They found a table in a restaurant in the Tenderloin not far from the intersection of Brondway and Sixth avenue at the dinner hour.

"Yes," said the uncle, "I have been here long enough to become a pretty thorough New Yorker," and then he ordered a modest dinner. "This is one of the bang up restaurants, and you'll always find first rate people here. My bearding house is bang up, but this beats it all hollow."

The niece straightened out a ribbon and then looked around in an embarrassed way. She was struggling with a question. As if the suggestion were al

together improbable she asked:
''Did you ever see Jay Gould?'
''Sure I have,'' he answered; ''lots
and lots of times.''

"Did you ever see Mr. Vanderbilt?"
"Cornele?" said the uncle inquiring-"Yes, indeed. When I boarded up town, I used to see Cornele nearly every

day."
"What did he look like?" asked the niece, beginning to feel the importance of dining with a New York uncle who had seen millionaires.

"Why, Cornele Vanderbilt is one man in a thousand," said the uncle, puffing up with pride. "He is a tall, fine look-ing man with a heavy black beard. You would know him in any crowd for a man of importance. He wears his hair

long and" "Pardon, m'sieur," interrupted the waiter, who had begun to serve the soup, and who had stopped in surprise as the city nucle began to describe Cornelius Vanderbilt. "Pardon, m'sieur, but I haf had ze honor to serf Meester Cornelius Vanderbilt, and you make zees mistake. He is not beeg, and he has not ze black whiskers, full beard, so. He is

"Just bring me a large spoon, waiter," interrupted the uncle. As the waiter got out of earshot he said: "You see, I haven't seen Cornelius Vanderbilt since I moved down town. He's changed a good deal since then, and I have heard that his whiskers had been trimmed.

The waiter didn't have another opportunity to intrude in the conversation, and he received no tip. -New York Sun.

The Influence of Persia

To understand the relation of Mussulman rule to religious and intellectual freedom we must note the influence of the conquest of Persia on the Arab mind. When the invaders took the capital city of Khosru, they did not know the value of booty. Some offered to exchange gold for silver, and others mistook camphor for sulphur. They came like swarms of half starved locusts to devour the land. They were banditti of the desert, with no culture but the inspiration of the clans. The only idea of government in these tribes was the leadership of age and valor, as repreneik, with a r ture of hereditary respect. On the death of Mohammed they broke into rebellion. Islam really came on the world like a fierce descent of desert clans on their foes.

Mohammed's ideal of government was just to send his governors through Arabia to establish Islam and then to collect tribute from the poor in camels and sheep; also as plunder to meet the expense of his campaign. Under these circumstances it was an absolute necessity for the founders of the Mussulman empire in the east to adopt in the main the financial and administrative experience of their more cultured subjects. Arabic names, customs, language, rites, penetrated the empire, but under their external forms appeared the native ideas and methods. Persians were the leaders and shapers of Islamic culture. The simple Arabs learned of these larger brains and more sensuous imaginations, music, architecture, sculpture, philosophy, wine and fine apparel. Persians were the real founders and teachers of the great academic clubs and schools. — Johnson's "Oriental Reli-

Forms of Incredulity.

. Consider the great multitude of Christians who are constitutionally incapable of believing that there can be good in any other religious system than their own. How many Protestants are there who hold it incredible that any good thing can come out of Rome? Can you number the Romanists who are without faith in anything the Protestants ever

A similar peculiarity is seen in races There are many Irishmen who can be-lieve in nothing but Saxon "perfidy," many Poles who can believe in nothing but Russian "wickedness," many Bo-hemians who can believe in nothing but the German "brute," and many Englishmen who can believe in nothing but the "unspeakable" Turk.—All the Year

A monopoly is a good deal like a baby. A man is opposed to it on general principles until he has one of his own.—Ex-

The strength of the average horse is estimated to be equal to that of 714

Animals Understand Hygiene.

Enough is now known of the nature of animal materia medica to excite interest and curiosity. There is abundant evidence that many species know and constantly make use of simple remedies for definite disorders, and at the same time observe rules of health to which only the highest civilization or the sanetion of religious prescription compels man to conform.

It has been noted that the general condition of animal health, especially in the case of the herbivorous creatures, corresponds not inexactly with that of such tribes as the Somalis, men feeding almost solely on grain, milk, dates and water, living constantly in the open air, moderate in all things and cleanly, because their religion enjoins constant ablations. Like them, wild animals have no induced diseases. The greater number do not eat to excess. They take regular exercise in seeking their food and drink only at fixed hours. Many of them secure change of climate, one of the greatest factors in health, by mi-

This is not confined to birds and beasts, for the salmon enters the soft water partly to get rid of sea parasites and returns to the sea to recruit after spawning. With change of climate, change of diet and perfectly healthy habits their list of disorders is short, though they readily fall victims to contagious disease just as recently numbers of the Hamran Arabs of the Sudan, as healthy livers and good Mussulmans as the Somalis themselves, friends and fellow hunters with Sir Samuel Baker, perished of contagions fever on the banks of the Nile tributaries. - London Spectator.

A Bible Courtship.

A young gentleman at church con-ceived a most sudden and violent passion for a young lady in the next pew, and felt desirous of entering into a courtship on the spot, but the place not suiting a formal declaration the exigenry suggested the following plan: politely handed his fair neighbor a Bible, open, with a pin stuck in the following text-second epistle of John, verse 5: "And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another." She returned it with the following—second chapter of Ruth, verse 10: "Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take notice of me, seeing I am a stranger?" He returned the book, pointing to verse 12 of the third epiatle of John, "Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink, but I trust to come unto you and speak face to face." From the above interview the marriage took place the coming week.—Scottish American.

Who Can Answer This Conundrum? In the memoirs of Enron Stockmar is

a note by his son, the editor of the work, in these words:

"There were not wanting instances of shamelessness against which he had to defend himself. A rich Englishman, an author and member of parliament, called upon him one day and promised to give him £10,000 if he would further his petition to the queen for a peerage. Stockmar replied: 'I will now go into the next room in order to give you time. If upon my return I still find you here I shall have you turned out by the serv-

Very creditable, of course, to Stockmar, considering his circumstances and position. The incident occurred in the early forties apparently, and there were not many rich Englishmen at that period who were both "authors and mem-bers of parliament." But I am not aware that anybody has as yet identified the would be corrupter of the im-maculate baron. Who could be have been? And c'd he get his peerage in the end?-London World.

A Kentucky War Story.

An old Confederate soldier said recently: "I remember an occasion where a colored man, a body servant to General Forrest, saved his life. The general had broken two swords, and the servant rushed forward and handed him another to defend himself with. This occurred at Sacramento, a little village in McLean county, and the combat was with John Williams, the grandfather of John McIntire, the artist, who lived in Owensboro for some time. Mr. Williams was a gallant Federal soldier, who had served in the Mexican war and made a good fight. He fought so well that General Forrest paroled him and accompanied him to his home in the neighborhood and asked his wife to bind up his wound and care for him, saying that so brave a man deserved the best of care and attention."—Owensboro (Ky.) Inquirer.

Fishermen's Queer Ways.

Fishermen have queer customs. few years ago the fishermen of Preston, Laneashire, used actually to go fishing on Sunday. It seems incredible, but they did. A clergyman of the town used to preach against this Sabbath desecration and pray that they might catch no fish. And they did not! But they found out how to make his prayers of no avail. The fishermen used to make a little effigy of the parson in rags and put this small "guy" up their chimneys. While his reverence was slowly smoked and consumed, the fish bit—like anything!— London Fishing Gazette.

"Storiously False."

"That man's object is to serve his country with a sword if necessary," said Lord Brougham, speaking of the Duke of Wellington, "but he would do it with a pickax." The duke's sense of duty to his country not unfrequently made him deal with George IV in a blunt, straightforward way and even to evade obedience to the king's orders. An in-teresting anecdote, told in "Gossip of the Century," exhibits the duke dis-obeying the king that he might serve the nation.

The command of a regiment having fallen vacant, King George said to Wel-lington, then prime minister: "Arthur, there is a regiment vacant. Gazette Lord

— to the vacancy."

"It is impossible, please your majesty.

There are generals who have seen much service, more advanced in life, whose

turn should first be served." "Never mind that, Arthur. Gazette Lord —," replied the king.

The duke bowed, went straight from Windsor to London and gazetted Sir Ronald Ferguson, whose service entitled him to the vacancy. The king had the discretion to wink at Wellington's disobedience, whose conduct illustrated the meaning of the Latin poet Horace's splendide mendax, which may be trans-lated, "Gloriously false" or "False in a good cause.

Declined Becoming a Saint.

A good story is told of Sir Richard Burton, who, when traveling in Af-ghanistan, had adopted the disguise of Mohammedan fakir. At one villago where he stopped he played his part so well that the people formed a high idea of their visitor's sanctity. He was con-gratulating himself indeed on the impression he had produced, when one night, to his immense surprise, the elders of the village came to him in private and carnestly advised him to go away at once. Burton asked in astonishment whether the people did not like him and was answered, oh, yes; that was just the trouble. They were all enchant-ed with his remarkable holiness, and considering what a splendid thing it would be to possess the relies of so good a man, whose tomb would draw whole crowds of pilgrims, they were debating with themselves whether or not it would be wise to kill him.

That is the true spirit of relic hunting all the world over. The mere physical possession of the great man's remains seems to bring him nearer, and to give you, as it were, some magical power over him. The question whether you acquired them by fair means or fonl is usually considered of quite secondary importance.-Cornhill Maga-

A Musician's Pace.

The average musician's face shows but little trace of muscular activity, but evidences of trophic changes due to sympathetic disturbance are abundant. The skin, especially beneath the eyes and about the throat, tends to be full and baggy and is often filled out with local accumulations of fat. As a rule, the eyes are prominent and dreamy, the cornea is bright, and the conjunctiva glistening, but the naturally blue white of the sclerotic has given place to a duller tint.

The nose is characterless, so far as acquired qualities are concerned, and differs essentially from the clear out nose of the man of active will or intellect. The mouth is the least constant feature, but it generally is characterized by a lax and flabby set of the lips. is the sensuous mouth belonging to the artistic temperament, with certain specific characters superadded, which result from the same causes as are responsible for the fullness beneath the eye and chin. - Blackwood's Magazine.

Scotch Humor.

An artist is busy at his easel by the wayside. A rustic is looking over his shoulder in the free manner of the independent Scot. A brother rustic is in a field near by with his hands in his pockets. He is uncertain whether it is worth while to take the trouble to mount the dike for the uncertain pleasure of look-ing at the picture. "What is he doing, Jock?" asks he in the field of his better situated mate. "Drawin wi' pent!" returns Jock over his shoulder. bonny?" again asks the son of toil in the field. "Ocht but bonny!" comes back the prompt and decided answer of the critic. Of considerations for the art-ist's feelings there is not a trace. Yet both of these rustics will appreciatively relate the incident on coming in from the field and washing themselves, with this rider: "An he didna look ower weel pleased, I can tell ye! Did he, Jock?"—Contemporary Review.

A Story of Thackeray.

There is a story of Thackeray, short-after the publication of "Vanity Fair," dining with a friend and receiving an introduction to his next neighbor, "Captain Crawley of the Life Guards." Thackeray looked greatly an-noyed, scarcely opened his lips to this gentleman and afterward told his host in an aggrieved tone that "he liked a joke as well as any man, but there was a time and a place for all things."

No joking allusion to a character of his novel had, however, been designed or perpetrated. The fellow guest actually was a Captain Crawley and held a commission in the Life Guards.

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